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FILING DATE: June 20, 2000) DATE: April 8, 2004
FOR: METHOD OF USING A DISTINCT FLOW OF COMPUTATIONAL
CONTROL AS A REUSABLE ABSTRACT DATA OBJECT

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM DECISION OF EXAMINER
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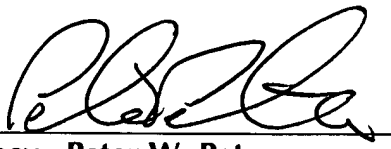
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